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LONDON SUMMIT

1. ON MAY 11 JOHN TOMLINSON, UNDERSECRETARY IN THE UK FCO
(ON BEHALF OF THE EC COUNCIL PRESIDENCY), AND ROY JENKINS
(ON BEHALF OF THE EC COMMISSION) REPORTED BRIEFLY TO THE
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ON LAST WEEKEND'S DOWING STREET SUMMIT.

2 TOMLINSON'S REPORT WAS ESSENTIALLY A SUMMARY OF THE
SUMMIT DECLARATION. JENKINS' STATEMENT, RELATIVELY UPBEAT
IN TONE, EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT
ATTRIBUTED TO COMBATTING INFLATION, INCREASING ECONOMIC
GROWTH AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, RESISTING PROTECTIONIST
TRADE MEASURES AND GIVING NEW IMPETUS TO TOKYO ROUND OF
MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, AND ENHANCED RELATIONS WITH
LHE LDC'S.

3. JENKINS WELCOMED THE SUMMIT'S COMMITMENT TO INCREASE AND
DIVERSIFY ENERGY PRODUCTION. AS REGARDS THE SUMMIT
DECISION TO STUDY OVER THE NEXT TWO MONTHS THE BEST
MEANS TO MEET ENERGY REQUIREMENTS AND REDUCE NUCLEAR
PROLIFERATION RISKS, AND TO STUDY TERMS OF REFERENCE
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FOR INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION,
JENKINS REMARKED THAT, "AS I SAID AT THE MEETING ITSELF,
I TRUST THAT THE COMMUNITY, WHICH HAS MUCH TO CONTRIBUTE
TO SUCH AN EVALUATION, WILL BE ABLE TO PLAY ITS PART IN IT."
(THE PRECEDING DAY EC COMMISSIONER FOR ENERGY BRUNNER, TOLD THE
PARLIAMENT THAT, AS OF NOW, THE COMMISSION DOES NOT EXPECT TO
PARTICIPATE IN THIS STUDY BECAUSE THE EC COUCIL HAS NOT AUTHORIZED

IT TO DO SO. HOWEVER, HE APPEALED FOR PARLIAMENT'S SUPPORT WITH THE COUNCIL AND EC MEMBER STATES FOR COMMISSION PARTICIPATION, BECAUSE HE THOUGHT THE COMMISSION COULD MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION.)

4. IN HIS STATEMENT JENKINS SAID THAT WHILE HIS PRESENCE AT SOME SUMMIT SESSIONS REPRESENTED AN "IMPORTANT ADVANCE" OVER PREVIOUS SUMMITS, WHERE THE EC COMMISSION WAS NOT INVITED, HE FOUND HIS EXCLUSION FROM THE GENERAL ECONOMIC DISCUSSION AND FROM MOST SESSIONS DEVOTED TO ENERGY-SUBJECTS IN WHICH THERE IS CLEAR EC COMPETENCE--TO BE NEITHER "LOGICAL (NOR) ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY." HE HOPED FOR "A BETTER ARRANGEMENT NEXT TIME."

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